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SUBJECT: Proposal to Dispose of TAN V-Tank Liquid in the INTEC Process

Equipment Waste Evaporator (EM-AM-03-02)

Reference: Letter from S. G. Stiger to R. M. Stallman, dated 12/2/02, Contract No.

DE-AC07-99ID13727 – Proposal to Dispose of TAN V-Tank Liquid in the Idaho Nuclear Technology and Engineering Center Process Equipment

Waste Evaporator for Waste Area Group 1, Operable Unit 1-10

Dear Ms Stiger:

DOE has completed its review of your proposal to dispose of V-Tank liquid at the INTEC Process Equipment Waste Evaporator (PEWE). The proposal was well thought out and well presented, and makes a strong case for the alternative. DOE's preference, however, is to remove the V-Tank liquid waste from the INEEL completely and treat and dispose of it off-site. Therefore, DOE would like your staff to further develop the off-site treatment and disposal option. Please develop a more detailed cost estimate based on actual vendor price quotes. If the more detailed cost estimate shows that the off-site treatment alternative is the most cost effective, then BBWI is authorized to implement the off-site alternative. On the other hand, if the PEWE disposal alternative is the lowest cost, then BBWI is authorized to implement the PEWE alternative. The option of disposing of the waste at ICDF will remain the basecase for budget development purposes. If for some reason neither the off-site nor the PEWE alternatives are implemented, then the ICDF alternative will be implemented.

If you have any questions regarding this issue please contact Katie Hain at (208) 526-4392 or Mark Shaw at (208) 526-6442.

Sincerely,

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